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Toni got high...no, not like that.
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Stars fell on Leone Cole

**JSU Star
showcases
students' talents**

By James Burton
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

All eyes were on the stage when 11 of JSU's finest went up this past Thursday for the third annual JSU Star talent competition.

Headed by the SGA administration, the event featured singing, dancing and a guitar solo. The winner of the event would receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Starting off the event was Amanda Cornelius, who performed a startling rendition of the Etta James classic "At Last." Following her act was Donterrian Brisco with an a capella cover of Hanson's "Need You Now." (The cover was better than the original, which isn't unusual since most Hanson covers are better than the original.)

For a change of pace, the next act featured the JSU Ballerinas' Go-Gos performing the "Cell Block Tango," originally portrayed by the Six Merry Murderesses of Cook County Jail from the 2002 movie *Chicago*.

Mitchell Moffett continued the night with his version of "God is Able." Following that act was Kayla Barnes. She performed Carrie Underwood's latest smash hit "Before He Cheats" in full swing, literally, walking out on stage with a baseball bat. (Granted, the bat was aluminum and Louisville Slugger makes them out of white ash, but let's not get technical here.)

Contestant number six was Jason Gillilan, who rocked out with Skynyrd's "Free Bird." Ronnie Van Zant would have been proud when Gillilan proceeded to play the guitar solo not only behind his back but at one point even with his teeth.

Following the rockfest, Ka'la



piece. This time, however, it was the normally emotion-driven "Jesus Take the Wheel" that was selected.

A break in the singing had to come eventually, and it did in the form of Ku Chu Bun Kai, an all-Asian hip-hop dance team. They danced, they break-danced and they even defied gravity. The whole audience was astonished and broke out into the wildest applause of the entire night.

At last, the finale rested on the shoulders of Edisha Brown, who had to swap places with Ku Chu Bun Kai because of a late class. She capped off the performance in style with a rendition of "Breaks My Heart." Though the performers were finished, those who hoped to make it to the top five were in the hands of the judges: graduates Misty Cassell, Tim King, as well as English instructor Elizabeth Nelson.

When the results came in, Moffett, Gillilan, Baker, Pullen and Bun Kai made it to the top five. The rest of the vote would be left up to the audience.

At the beginning of the event, when each person entered the au-



Photos by James Burton

Top: The JSU Ballerina Go-Gos perform "The Cell Block Tango" from the movie *Chicago*.

Above: The dancing group Ku Chu Bun Kai (who also performed at the International Festival last week) spin across the stage of JSU Star.

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The votes were in, and the re-

performers. I thought we had a lot of talent, but tonight I got to see it."

SGA Election Results

SGA President:

David Jennings

Major: Communication

Classification: Sophomore

Hometown: Southside

Vice President Student Services:

Jennifer Nix

Major: Secondary Education in Math

Classification: Junior

Hometown: Jamison

Vice President Organizational Affairs:

Destini Mayberry

Major: Pre-Law

Classification: Junior

Hometown: Birmingham

Vice President Student Affairs:

Brittney Cunningham

Major: Elementary Education

Classification: Junior

Hometown: Anniston

Mr. Jax State:

Warren Sarrel

Miss Jax State:

Sade McClaney

Mr. Friendly:

Raynard Idunnoh

Ms. Friendly:

Jon Evans

the guitar solo not only behind his back but at one point even with his teeth.

Following the rockfest, Ka'la Baker was the last of those who sang a capella with "God Send Me an Angel."

After Baker, Isaac Pullen came up and performed "I Need You Now," which appeared to move the audience more than any of the previous performances. Ashley C. Jones was next, and she also chose a Carrie Underwood song as her

test of the vote would be left up to the audience.

At the beginning of the event, when each person entered the auditorium, they were given a slip of paper along with their program. These are what they filled out to determine the winner.

While people voted, the Chick-Fil-A promotional mascot cow in attendance went around throwing prizes into the audience. (Since nothing landed near me, when I left

I ate a hamburger out of spite.)

The votes were in, and the results were tallied. The winner was Ku Chu Bun Kai! Needless to say, the audience was treated to a victory dance.

The audience's opinion of the event was most assuredly positive.

"I was quite entertained," said JSU student Joe Simmons

"I thought they were great. I didn't know JSU had so many good

performers. I thought we had a lot of talent, but tonight I got to see it," said Adam Carpenter

Even the SGA President-Elect David Jennings had time to comment.

"They were all stellar," he said. "I believe the best act was me pulling out the props."

**Ms. Friendly:
Jen Evans**

Peace Activist Sis Levin speaks at Houston Cole

By Jessica Summe

The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

On Monday, Mar. 12, peace activists Jerry and Sis Levin were due to speak at the Houston Cole Library at 3 p.m. However, due to Jerry Levin being sick and a slight scheduling mix-up, Sis Levin took the podium about 30 minutes late, but a thorough and interesting introduction from Scott Beckett in Learning Services kept all the interested JSU faculty and students in the room while waiting for Levin.

"The Middle East is a powder keg," said Beckett. "These people are doing their best to defuse that."

Levin and her husband are living in Birmingham while taking a break from their peace-building efforts in Israel/Palestine. They are speaking at various campuses and churches to promote awareness of the situation in the Middle East.

Levin first spoke about her experiences as a wife while her husband Jerry was held captive for nearly a year in 1984. Since Jerry's release couldn't be secured through government channels (he was a "Lost American Hostage" during the Contra-Iran scandal), Levin secured his freedom through other channels and was forced to learn almost everything about the Middle East in order to do so.

"My point of view was that ev-

erybody was killing everybody, and they all thought they were right," said Levin. "Well, everybody can't be right. To me, it was very simple, because I am a very serious Christian. It all pulls down to three words, in any language, in any New Testament...love your enemies."

Love is the main message of Levin's training method for teachers. While promoting peace, the teaching

are the transitional, pivotal students who will, hopefully, begin to bring peace to the war-torn Middle East.

"My hope is that we'll bring up a generation of children that will say, this [war] isn't my choice," said Levin.

Levin's graduating Peacebuilder class visited Birmingham this past August to speak to locals about the conflict in Israel/Palestine. The students visited the staff of the Birmingham News and received a visit from Condi Rice.

Levin also showed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the basics of her program, as well as featuring standout students and teachers in the program. At the end of her speech, Levin took several probing questions from the audience and stayed behind after to speak to students about the conflict and who they could

contact to participate in the Peacebuilders program.

For more information on Levin's Peacebuilding efforts, please visit ThechildrenofAbraham.net. To learn more about the Levin's struggles during Jerry Levin's time in captivity, read their book *Beirut Diary*. ("It's often called *The Middle East for Dummies*," said Levin after the lecture.)

system Levin has developed focuses on non-violent conflict resolution. However, this isn't a one-off spin class. The messages in Levin's teaching are meant to be applied systematically, emphasized in every grade, in every class.

Levin is already seeing the rewards of her teaching program. A generation of Palestinians, taught by Levin's methods, are currently graduating from her preK-12 program. They call themselves "Peacebuilders," and these students understand that they



Photo by Jessica Summe

Sis Levin speaks to a room full of JSU faculty and students about her peacebuilding efforts in the Middle East.



Photo by Chris Lundy

Financial Aid Representative Lori Blackman shows a student the new MyJSU System.

Banner system sails to Margaritaville

By Chris Lundy

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Two systems diverged in a university, and I, I took the system newly introduced, and that has made all the difference.

The MyJSU/Banner Party was held on Wed., Mar. 7 on the Quad. Hosted by Financial Aid, students were able to enjoy a free meal while sipping on virgin margaritas. While the free plates saved students some money on their meal plans, it also gave some students the chance to register for the Fall 2007 semester under the new system.

"It seems like there is a lot more information provided," stated Terri Lawler as she registered for her elementary education graduate courses. "It's new, so there's not a lot of the information up yet."

Lawler, from Rome, GA, took the time to learn about MyJSU and the advantages from financial aid representative Diane Price. While

giving Lawler a tour of MyJSU, Price explained to her about the registration process that took a matter of seconds and demonstrated what will happen to Lawler's financial aid information in the fall.

"This system is quicker and easier to navigate," said Price. "With that, there's not a lot of waiting time which is good for the students and for us."

With a warm day and non-alcoholic margaritas, students and financial aid representatives enjoyed the benefits of a new era for registering students.

"This was a true success," stated Vickie Adams, director of financial aid. "We have had a lot of traffic and positive feedback, and I can't wait for everyone to be under the new system. The students are just as excited, and this was a great day to bring the Banner system out."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRO: Public Relations Organization will now meet on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in The Chanticleer office in Self Hall.
Contact: Jaclyn Cosper, 256-404-2590.

Houston Cole Library: H.C.L. is hosting "Red Wine and Dark Chocolate: an Antioxidant Affair" on March 31 at 7 p.m. The event will be held on the 12th floor. Tickets must be purchased by March 28. Must be 21 or older to attend.
Contact: Lynn Varcak at lvarcak@jsu.edu

Books for Baghdad: Starting March 14 until April 24, textbooks can be dropped off at room 402 TMB, 215 Stone Center or Jacksonville bookstore on the square. All textbooks should be no more than seven years old.
Contact:

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs: AVPEMSA are invited to hear the public presentations of the four finalists in room 1103A of the Houston Cole Library during April from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on the candidates specific dates.
Contact: Angie Ayers Finley at afinley@jsu.edu

History Club: The History Club's State of the Club address will be given on Thursday at 6 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. The guest speaker will be Mr. Jason Gerner.
Contact: Dr. Cook at lcook@jsu.edu

Peacefest: fun, music, fellowship. Come have a picnic on the lawn on the TMB on April 5 from 12-6 p.m. Listen to great local bands and just have fun! Many activities are planned, including an open poetry mic and a car maintenance workshop.

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The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

CAMPUS CRIME

March 3

Matthew Stone was arrested for D.U.I.

March 6

Emmett Wilson reported identity theft.

March 7

Jazmine Blackmon reported harassment at Crow Hall.

March 12

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Banner from page 1

The Financial Aid Department worked hard last Wednesday to serve the students hotdogs and their choice of cherry or pina colada margaritas, but they still managed to enjoy themselves while showing students the MyJSU system.

"It's a plus to the university," explained Martin Weldon, financial aid scholarship coordinator. "The students will enjoy having this information at their fingertips, and I think this is one change that will be for the greater good of this institution."

The MyJSU system encompasses all aspects of Jacksonville State University. Students are able to modify certain parts of the system for their benefit and are able to remain updated on campus events. Social forums can be created with the approval of certain personnel on campus, and a personal calendar is implemented in the system to help students stay organized.

Faculty and staff members enjoy the same benefits only from an employee perspective. Faculty members are able to see schedules and meetings under the system so they will know ahead of time to plan to be in certain rooms at certain times or if their superiors have prior engagements.

For students who did not attend the Banner Party, the Student Registration Banner Access handouts are provided in the financial aid department. The access sheet explains the step-by-step process for signing in to the MyJSU system, including an example of the pin number that is not the same in the Student Access System. The Access sheet also includes troubleshooting information and other features provided by financial aid.

"I think students gained the most of coming out and knowing what the system is going to look like," stated Miller. "I expected a lot of phone calls this morning about the system and not knowing how to log in to MyJSU, but we didn't have very many calls. If they did call, it pertained to minor details that could be easily taken care of."

Students returning in the fall are able to use the MyJSU system and register for classes. Students enrolling for summer courses will continue to use the Student Access System as prompted by the screen when entering the drop/add section of the website.

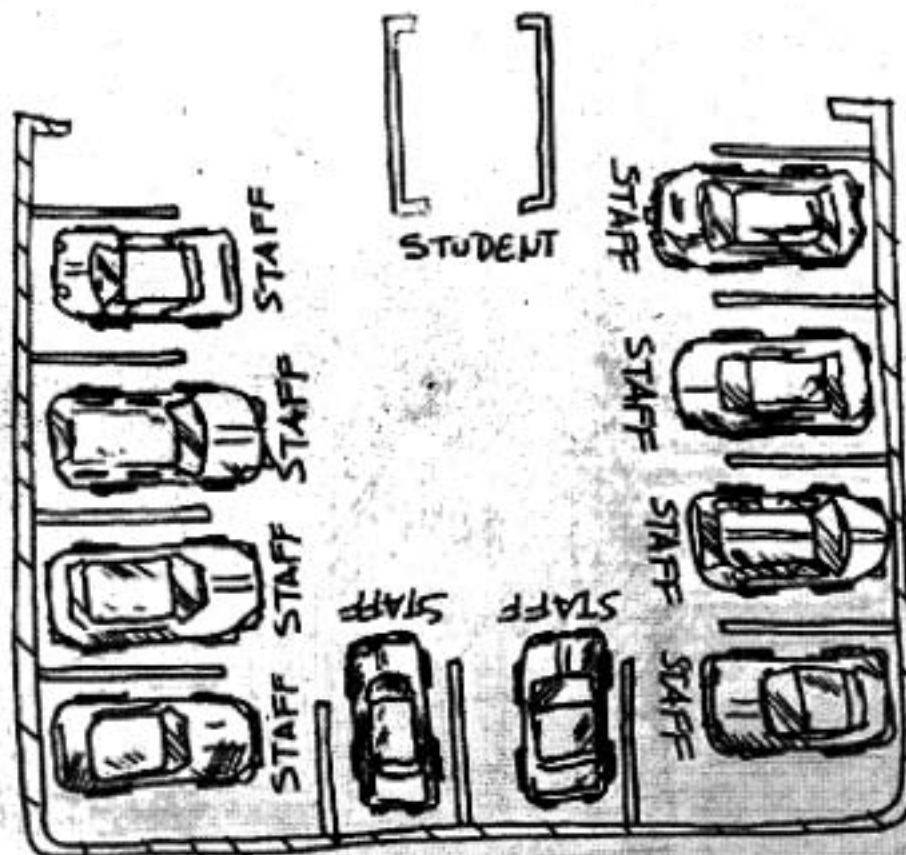
Chamber Winds blow audience away

By Kevin Brant
 The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Last Thursday, March 8, the JSU Chamber Winds performed a concert at Mason Hall. Approximately 55 JSU students from all across

blues from the classical period. Members of the percussion ensemble are Kehri Magalad, Brandon Dodge, Kevin Kenney, Ben Black,

The Chanticleer Editorial Cartoon



Dave Dillon 2/08

Car Clinic

Members of Women's Issues Support and Engagement sponsored a car clinic from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Mar. 12, in the lot by the Houston Cole Library and Waller Hall. Members of the club showed JSU students how to do basic checks

on their vehicle and demonstrated how to change a tire. They also showed students how to jump a dead battery. Above, members of W.I.S.E. take a look at a fellow member's car.

The next W.I.S.E. meeting is at 12:30 p.m. Mar. 29, in room 329 of the TMB.



March 12

Laquisha Morris reported harassing communications at Houston Cole Library.

performed a concert at Mason Hall. Approximately 55 JSU students from all across the southeast and New York make up this elite group of people. The Chamber Winds are directed by Mr. Kenneth G. Bodiford.

The Chamber Winds played a variety of hit songs, such as "Star," which is a concert version of "The Star Spangled Banner." This song was written by Steven Melillo.

Next they played "October" by Eric Whitacre, then performed the song "The Washington Post" by John Phillips Sousa. "The Washington Post" is one of those songs you will hear at most graduations as the graduates are walking in.

Another song was called "Fluttering Maple Leaves." This song was written by Jun Nagao. This song has some historical background for a couple of reasons. It was written in Japan, and it was only the third time that this song has been performed in a concert format in the United States.

A special performance by the Percussion Ensemble featured a piece called "Rochambeaux," written by Brian Mason. This song sounded like rhythm and

cussion ensemble are Kehri Magalad, Brandon Dodge, Kevin Kenney, Ben Black, David Carroll, Daisy Cardona, Chris Ozley, Andrew Lightner, Taylor Cash, Philip Morgan, Claire Smith, Steven Ellison and Melanie Black Ahlschwede.

The Chamber Winds also performed a song called "Godspeed" written by Steven Melillo. (This song reminded me of the Summer Olympic Games. Growing up, I would always watch the Summer Olympics on NBC. The music sounded like that which you would hear in the background while watching the games.)

"The beginning of 'Fluttering Maple Leaves' sounded like a thunderstorm," said Caitlin Johnson of Gadsden. "The Chamber Winds sounded great."

"I think the Chamber Winds are some of the best music you can listen to around here," said Bryan Ayers of Marietta, Ga.

"It was lovely and wonderful," said Megan Gilbert from Rochester, NY.

One student, Matt Weaver from Chatsworth, Ga. summed the concert in three words.

"It was fantastic" said Weaver.



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19 Monday	20 Tuesday	21 Wednesday	22 Thursday
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Review: 300

By Jonathan Pennington
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

It was recommended to me by some friends that I should watch the new film *300*. Being a fan of war movies, I decided to take their advice. My adrenal glands and emotions were sparked to an indescribable level while watching this film. From beginning to end, my attention was solidly captured. A historic event could not have been better depicted than it was in this record-breaking box office thriller.

300 is an intense theatrical depiction of the 480 B.C. (before Christ) Battle of Thermopylae. This battle was a key determinant of the outcome of the ancient Greco-Persian war. King Xerxes of Persia (Rodrigo Santoro) sought to expand his empire into Europe.



Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

An invaluable asset to his expansion was the conquering of Ancient Greece, including the beloved land of Sparta.

The film tells the story of

King Leonidas of Sparta (Gerard Butler) and his courageous and heroic fight against Xerxes' forces. Leonidas was initially ordered by the Greek gods and oracles not to engage in battle with Xerxes' forces. With the approval of his wife Queen Gorgo (Lena Headey), Leonidas disobeyed Greek law and led a force of 300 elite Spartan soldiers and a small number of Thespian volunteers into battle against Xerxes. Xerxes' military had over a million soldiers. Vastly outnumbered by an overwhelming ratio, the Spartans' bravery and valor was heroically shown in this film.

Director Zack Snyder keeps his audience on the edge of their seat throughout the film's entire 117 minutes. The sound and visual effects are of an award winning caliber. Intense was the fighting, and captivating was the story. Equally intense was the political struggle between the queen and the Council of Sparta over her husband engaging in battle without the approval of the gods and oracles.

Battlefield casualties were extremely graphic, showing Persian and Greek forces having their heads chopped off with swords. Additionally, the detail given to the throwing of

"Eat a hearty breakfast...for tonight we dine in hell."

spears and stabbing of forces on both sides is severe. Gratuitous is an understatement in describing the level of violence shown in this film. Intense sexual scenes additionally prove that this film certainly deserved the R rating it received. I would not recommend anyone under the age of 17 viewing this film. However, it is historically accurate in its depiction



Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

of the events that transpired.

Dr. Savage in the political science department here at JSU teaches a course titled Ancient Political Theory. In that class, he covers the Battle of Thermopylae. I heard others in the theater asking their accomplices questions about the event being depicted. Having taken Dr. Savage's class, I was amazed by how closely aligned the



Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

film was with the subject matter discussed in his class.

One interesting subject covered in the film was that of negative eugenics. This was the practice of the Spartan men to give children a thumbs up or thumbs down based on his or her physical attributes at birth. If the father felt the son would be a positive asset to the Spartan military, he would allow the boy to live. If he felt the daughter would grow to be a beautiful woman, he would allow her to live. Otherwise, the newborn children would be executed. This was essential in assuring that the Spartan soldiers were of the world's elite in fighting skills and physique. Each member of the Spartan army had an incredibly fit physique, the body every man dreams of having.

In the movie, a hunchback desired to fight for King Leonidas against Xerxes. At birth, his parents fled Sparta so that he could live. He returned to Sparta with hopes of fighting for King Leonidas. Leonidas would not allow

him to fight in the army with his given physical shortcomings.

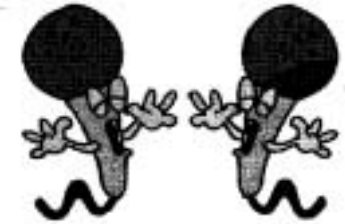
If you enjoy war movies, *300* will certainly top your list of all-time favorites. My personal rating of this film is 5 out of 5 gamecocks. Take my advice and treat yourself to seeing this amazing film in the theater. It is worth the money and two hours of your time to view.



5 out of 5
Gamecocks



Local Concert Calendar



Mar. 15
Anniston Beach Project
Java Jolt
Jonathan Alverson and the Hillbilly Circus
Brother's Bar

Mar. 16
Leftwithoutstars
Brother's Bar

Ricky Carden
Smoking Moose

Mar. 17
Kneck Down
Brother's Bar

Mar. 24
Dave Matthews Tribute Band
Brother's Bar

One Way Cadence
Piedmont Civic Center

YouthQuake
Daystar Church

Mar. 28
The Charms
Brother's Bar



SOUND OFF

Take a break from stress

College students have many different obligations while pursuing their baccalaureate degree. The setting changes, responsibilities begin to surface, and parents are no longer in physical proximity. Some students have a difficult time undergoing this change, and they find it hard to adapt to this unfamiliar way of life. This uncertainty can cause individuals to feel stress. According to Dictionary.com, stress is defined as "physical, mental, or emotional

Some of the actions I have taken to solve this problem are to plan ahead and to prioritize. It is difficult to accomplish all important tasks in one day. Create a schedule each day of the things that need to be accomplished in the order of importance. Also remember that procrastination is not the key when accomplishing your goals. This leads to even more stress.

Have an optimistic attitude. Nothing can ever be accomplished with

tude. Things may not come together instantly, but patience is a virtue when trying to become successful.

Exercise is another key to remedy stress. A healthy body is less likely to feel the stress. Walk at least 30 minutes a day or work out at a local gym. Students will be surprised at the amount of energy they will have once they institute an exercise program in their daily schedule. This increase in energy will enable students to accomplish much more

Students should not worry about things they cannot change. Perfection is not to be expected. Once students demand perfection, it obligates them to never make mistakes. This is enough to drive people crazy.

College students should understand the causes of stress. They should take measures to remedy the stress in their lives in order to have a physically and emotionally healthy lifestyle. So relax a little

your life.

Thank you,
Krystle Bell
JSU Senior

Editor's note: Sound Off is a new section for JSU students, faculty and staff to voice their opinion about, well, whatever you have an opinion about. Please send submissions to

cause individuals to feel stress. According to Dictionary.com, stress is defined as "physical, mental, or emotional strain or tension." The symptoms of stress can be both physical and emotional, but there are remedies for these health-related problems.

A major physical symptom of stress is sleeplessness. Most students encounter pressure from parents, peers, educational administrators, and even themselves to excel in college, which in turn can cause students to spend late hours studying or doing extra-credit assignments. The constant worrying about school will make it hard for students to rest properly. Without proper rest, other health problems can occur. As a senior in college, I have suffered from this type of stress in my personal experiences. I constantly worried about school and my grades, which caused me to have severe stomach pains and skin problems. Stress can even cause students to have serious medical conditions like high blood pressure, shortness of breath, or insomnia.

Stress not only affects individuals physically, but it also affects them emotionally. The lack of sleep leads to irritability, memory loss or lack of energy. These symptoms harm the students' performance in the classroom and in social settings.

Have an optimistic attitude. Nothing can ever be accomplished with a pessimistic spirit. The times may be rough, but keep a positive attitude.

This increase in energy will enable students to accomplish much more than those who lack the discipline to exercise.

the stress in their lives in order to have a physically and emotionally healthy lifestyle. So relax a little and enjoy your college experience. These are some of the best years of

opinion about, well, whatever you have an opinion about. Please send submissions to chantynews@yahoo.com

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- Italian Dinner Raffle- Contact Dr. Jean Pugliese at 782-8278
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON SPRING BREAK?



Brandon Foster
Sophomore
"I am doing anything."



Brandon Foster
Sophomore
"Going home and chilling with my family."



Up ... up ... and away!!!

By Toni Merriss
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



Let's go fly ... a plane?

So many people would love the chance to fly a plane but never really feel like they have the time, patience or money. Well, we have a treat for you!

Located in Oxford, right off the interstate is Anniston Aviation, a local airport that doubles as a flight school, complete with their own planes and a Certified Flying Instructor (CFI), Joe Escue.

"I wanted to be close to the hustle and bustle of Atlanta but not right in the city. So I came to Anniston," said Escue. Escue was a pilot for Delta Airlines for 26-years and also has 13 more years of general aviation experience.

I, for one, never thought I would have the chance to ever take a flying lesson, much less report on it. So when this opportunity came along I knew that I had to take it.

Not really sure what to expect when I set up the appointment for my lesson, I was really excited to just get

everything in proper working order like is required for a plane. Lastly, when making your way onto the ramp, a pilot controls the wheels with his/her feet, unlike in a car, where if you wanted to make a turn, you would simply turn the wheel. In this case, you actually turn the wheels with foot pedals, pushing down on the left to make a left turn (like pressing down on the clutch for those in the stick shift world), and the right to make a right turn (like pressing on the gas for pretty much everyone). Let me just tell you, that takes a little getting used to.

Take-off was much more simple than I would have imagined and for it being my first time, and Escue assured me that



Photo by Eric Beck

Certified Flight Instructor Joe Escue of Anniston Aviation shows me how to check the engine in our pre-flight inspection of the airplane.



Photo by Eric Beck

Joe Escue checks to make sure we have enough fuel, and I am ready to get off the ground.

up in the air. Then I arrived at the airport. The butterflies in my stomach had already begun their somersaults as Escue began telling me all that really goes into being a pilot.

There is quite a bit of training that goes into learning to fly that does not even place you in the cockpit. In order to obtain a private pilot's license, you have to pass the Federal Aviation Administrations (FAA) written test, an oral test and a flight test in addition to recording various flight times and cross-country training.

Many pilots use maps or charts to help them navigate. Just like in many cars, ni-

a few bumps were normal. Getting up in the air was a breeze, literally, and only a few times when we hit a bit of turbulence did I hesitate on the controls.

You see, I am not one for a bumpy ride even when I am not the one behind the controls, but it eased my jumpy heart knowing that Escue had a set of controls on his side of the plane should I start freaking out.

Many times when we travel on the ground, I think people forget to notice what



Photo by Eric Beck

The view of the JSU campus from the airplane.

A huge thrill for me was flying over our JSU campus. We circled the city a few times and then were on our way back to land at Anniston Aviation... or so I thought.

As we approached the airstrip with Escue giving me directions and more than a little bit of help, we performed what he called a "too perfect landing for a first attempt," so... up we went again.

On our second approach, I began feeling like maybe we were pressing our luck trying for more

ing to see how fast we could stop on the runway. Well, he was serious, and we actually did have a good landing. And although I do not really feel like I contributed a lot on the speed stopping, we did land and stop in 500 ft.

Overall, I had a great time in my experience at Anniston Aviation (of course, when my heart was not caught in my throat) and would suggest at least trying it to everyone. For as little as \$89 you can schedule your own flying lesson and be on your way to obtaining your pilot's license today!

For a really great website chock-full of more information, go to www.projectpilot.org/Chanticleer. The site can answer any questions you have and even set you up with an airport and instructor near you. So what are you waiting for? Get going and get up in the air!



Photo by Eric Beck

This plane is an example of a home-built Starduster. The owner houses it at Anniston Aviation.



Photo by Eric Beck

We actually flying the plane during take-off with a little bit (okay a lot) of help from my instructor.

than one perfect landing in a day. Luckily our second landing was pretty smooth, not as perfect as the first but hey, it was only my second time. So imagine my surprise when Escue sent us up ... up ... and away ... again.

This landing



Jackie Jarman and
Nikki Prier
Sophomore and
Freshman

"Playing softball! Come
watch!"



Clarence Trescott
Junior

"Going home all week."



Zac Holmes
Freshman

"Myrtle Beach"

addition to recording various flight times
and cross-country training.

Many pilots use maps or charts to help them navigate. Just like in many cars, pilots are also using global positioning systems (GPS) to help them develop a more accurate system. A list can be downloaded into many GPS units every 28 days with updates on airports and airspace. Surprisingly, planes operate much like the automobile you drive everyday. There are some noticeable differences though, the first being that you are not on the ground anymore, Dorothy. Also, before take off, many people do not perform an in-depth inspection of their vehicle to make sure ev-

that Escue had a set of controls on his side of the plane should I start freaking out.

Many times when we travel on the ground, I think people forget to notice what is around them and appreciate the beauty in it. In a small aircraft, such as the Cessna 172 Skyhawk that I flew in, it was impossible not to notice the spring scenery that surrounds us here at JSU.

Although our flight was only from Oxford to Jacksonville and back, I saw things from a very different viewpoint. Our area is growing at such a rapid rate, and I personally never realized it until seeing it from above. We are on a fast track with the take-off ramp getting shorter everyday.

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This landing was a little bit different, in that we were coming down at a steeper angle (which just thrilled me ... okay not really), but then he almost gave me heart failure when he told me that we were go-

take-off with a little bit (okay a lot) of help from my instructor.

Feel better soon, Ms. Smart

By Jaclyn Cospier
The Chanticleer Ad Director

On Nov. 6, 2006, one of our beloved teachers, Ms. Janet Smart of the English department, suffered a mild yet serious stroke.

Smart had been feeling ill all fall semester and on that particular day she found out why. Although she was feeling quite unusual, she began class as normal. Still feeling strange, she dismissed class after only 15 minutes and proceeded to go back to her office where the trouble began.

As she leaned down to pick up some files off the floor, she felt something snap like a rubber band. Smart suddenly landed on the floor and could not get up.

She was raced to the hospital where she stayed for four days, going through a battery of tests. They revealed that she had suffered a minor stroke in her brain stem, proving that it was not a mix-up in her medications as it was previously thought.

She suffered from slurred speech, blurry vision, tremors and headaches.

Smart went to a specialist at UAB where she found out that she had a lesion about the size of a dime in her brain. The lesion was due to a burst capillary. This type is less common than the more typical stroke and can be harder to reverse.

Smart, who is now back teach-

ing her classes here at JSU, has recovered mostly from this ordeal. However, she still has bad balance, spelling problems, difficulty finding the right words and is sometimes forgetful and dizzy.

Unfortunately, she and other stroke victims are more than 30 percent more likely to have another stroke, which can often be worse than the first.

Her condition, like many strokes, was due to high blood pressure and smoking, even though she has been smoke free for a couple of years now.

Smart's experience reminds us how a stroke can seemingly come out of nowhere. It is a very serious disease and can often times be fatal.

The most common form of a stroke is when a blood vessel is blocked because of a blood clot. This can be linked to poor diet and high blood pressure. The other type of stroke is what Smart experienced - a blood vessel or capillary bursting in the brain.

In both cases, the nerve cells are immediately damaged and begin to die within hours. As a result, the part of the body controlled by the damaged section of the brain cannot function properly.

Symptoms of a stroke include numbness, weakness or paralysis of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body. There are also vision problems, confusion, trouble speaking or understand-

ing, difficulty walking, dizziness, loss of balance or balance coordination and a severe headache. All these symptoms can and usually come on very quickly.

Although there have been many advances in diagnosing and treating strokes, time is the most important thing to remember when experiencing a stroke.

Even though strokes can happen to anyone, there are many risk factors that can cause a stroke. These include diabetes, which is the leading cause of a stroke, and high blood pressure, which is the second highest risk factor.

High cholesterol, coronary artery disease and other heart problems, smoking (including second-hand smoke), lack of exercise, being overweight, some medications (including some birth control pills), heavy use of alcohol and the use of most illegal drugs can contribute to causing this disease.

All this information and more can be viewed at www.webmd.com.

Smart would like to thank Deborah Prickett, George Whitesell, Gena Christopher and Jennifer Ferrell for all their help with her classes and supporting her through this crisis.

On behalf of *The Chanticleer*, we would like to say that we love you Ms. Smart and we hope everyone can learn from this difficult experience.



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Owls fly over Gamecocks 7-4

By Chris Lundy
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

After taking 2-out-of-3 games over the weekend, the Gamecocks tempted to stay on the same track. Unfortunately, the Kennesaw State Owls came in to get revenge on their previous loss to JSU, winning at Rudy Abbott Field, 7-4.

The Owls (11-7) came out in the first inning, ready for payback. Owl third baseman Matt Dallas hit a shot off of JSU pitcher Jon Clements (0-2) down the right field line to open up a quick 2-0 lead for Kennesaw. Later in the inning, KSU's Zachary Upton hit a double down the opposite side of Dallas' shot, adding two more runs to their total. Though Clements struggled in the first inning, he managed to get out with a Matthew Hopkins' strikeout.

The bottom of the first inning started slow for the Gamecocks (6-), but they did enough damage to stay in the game. With two quick outs, third baseman Jake Ball kept the inning alive with a single up the middle. Clay Whittemore, the next batter, advanced Ball to third with a single into right field. With first baseman Eric Beck up to bat, JSU tried to advance Whittemore to second to put him in scoring position. Whittemore attempted to steal but was thwarted by KSU catcher Ray Redden. His attempt was just enough of a diversion to get Ball across the plate to put JSU down 4-1 heading into the second.

The score remained the same until the Owls broke the game wide open in the top of the fourth. The inning started with a Redden walk then followed with a Martin Baker single. With two outs and another in add to the Owls' score, Clements gave up a double to designated hitter Jace Whitmer, stretching the score to 7-1. Reliever Brett Harris came in for Clements, who finished the inning with a strikeout.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, JSU tried to make a run. Designated hitter Jay Harrington led off the inning with a double in the left-center gap. After an Adamson and Sanders' popped out, second baseman Bert Smith was hit by a pitch, leaving runners on first and second. Knowing the speed of Smith, pitcher Kyle Clayton

attempted to pick off Smith. However, his throw sailed over the head of Upton, advancing Smith to third while Harrington made it to home plate. Smith was not able to advance any further, but the lead was cut to 7-2.

In the seventh inning, baseball head coach Jim Case brought in the power hitters to score runs. After a lead-off single by catcher Richard Turner, Case started the heavy-hitting process by bringing in Allen Rose, who walked in his first appearance. After Rose, Brian Piazza came in for centerfielder Daniel Adamson. Piazza's at bat resulted in a strikeout, leaving Rose on first base. Senior Garrett Bass came in for shortstop Josh Sanders, who hit into a fielder's choice, giving Turner an opportunity to make it to third safely. With an opportunity to bring in Turner, Smith capitalized, hitting a high chopper to the shortstop. The arm of shortstop Jacob Robbins was no match for Smith as he made it to first and earned a run thanks to Turner. The Gamecocks cut the lead once again heading into the eighth, but still had a lot of ground to cover.

Holding the Owls scoreless in the final two innings, JSU had one final chance in the ninth after being shut down in the eighth. After a Piazza fly ball to left field, Bass stepped up to the plate and delivered a single in the left field gap. With Bass on base, Smith stepped up again to cut the lead. Smith hit a rocket down the left field line, scoring Bass from first while managing to cruise into a double himself. Jacksonville State's run would end there with an Edge flyball out and a Ball strikeout.

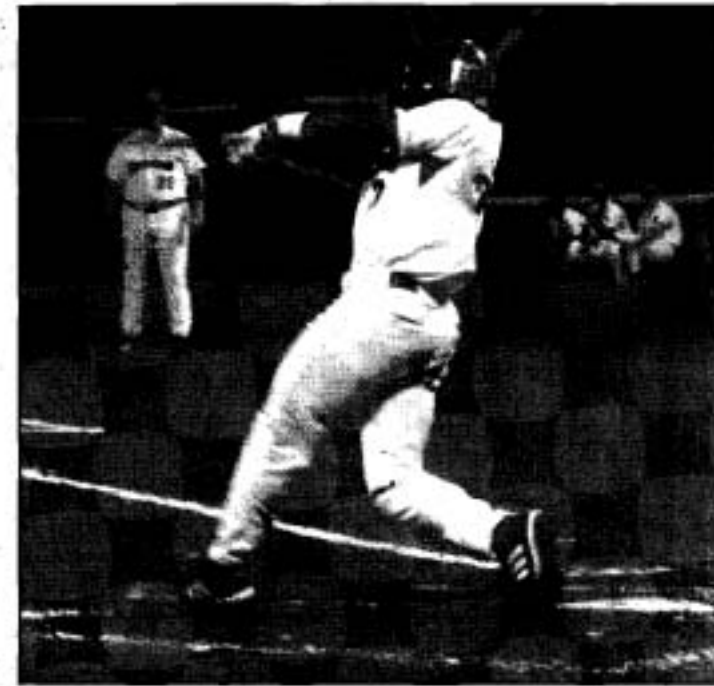
While the season series is tied 1-1, JSU has the chance to break the tie May 15 at Kennesaw, where they had success Feb. 27 by a score of 11-7.

"We did not get off to a good start, so we ended up playing catch-up all night," stated Case. "Harris did very well coming in for Clements, and Smith was able to knock in runs, but as a whole it was not good as far as what we needed to accomplish."

Smith, who went 3-for-4 on the night, knocked in 2 runs and made some key defensive stops against the Owls.

"I thought we did alright at the plate," said Smith. "We just have to work on our strike situation and make better plays defensively. My job as far as the lead-off hitter is to get the game started in a positive manner. I just hope I can do that so everybody can improve and bring the team intensity up."

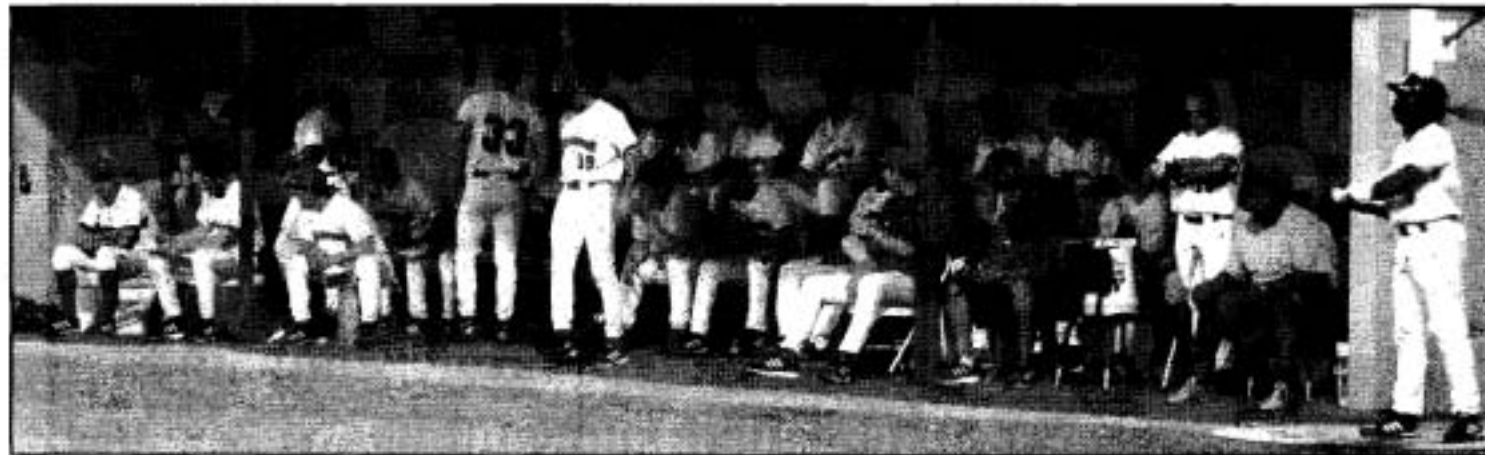
The Gamecocks take on the Alabama State Hornets Wednesday, March 14 before heading to Bradenton, Fla., to take on the likes of Illinois, Ohio State, Northwestern University, UMass and Yale. On their way back home, JSU will stop in Montgomery to finish their season series with the Hornets. The Gamecocks will open conference play on Saturday, March 24 when they host the Austin Peay Governors.



Photos by Kim Wright

(Above) Second baseman Bert Smith went 3-for-4 on the night against the Kennesaw State Owls, including two RBI's.

(Left) The JSU Baseball Team will head to Bradenton, Fla. to participate in a tournament over Spring Break. The Gamecocks will come back on Mar. 24 to host a three-game home stand against the Austin Peay Governors.



Rifle Team earns fifth place finish, Dickinson earns first place and national recognition

By Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

In finals, Jonathan finished fourth with a 690.6, while Huckaby finished eighth with a 686.3.

The Gamecocks Air Rifle aggregate of 2,348 put them six points behind Alaska-Fairbanks on the day, and moved them up two spots to third overall in the competition.

The Jacksonville State University Rifle team may be celebrating an

JSU Golf finishes fourth

From Staff Reports

SPRINGFIELD, La. Senior Bryan Rozier shot his best round of the year with a 3-under 69 to finish with a 54-

The Jacksonville State University Rifle team may be celebrating an individual NCAA National Championship, but there is no team award in sight.

This past weekend, they traveled to the cold and dreary hills of Fairbanks, Alaska, to compete in the NCAA Rifle Championships, hosted by the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

Last year, the Gamecocks competed only in smallbore. This is the second of three years in which they have competed for the overall title and have not achieved the honor.

In day one, junior Joseph Hall led the way in smallbore and helped the red and white to a fifth place finish for the day.

Joseph, shooting a 582, finished with a championship score of 677.9, 1.6 points behind national champion Josh Albright of Navy.

Michael Dickinson fired a 576, followed by teammates Phillip Huckaby (567) and Jonathan Hall (566).

The Gamecocks, shooting a smallbore aggregate of 2,291, were just 16 points behind the leader of the day, Alaska-Fairbanks.

"We could have shot better," commented Jonathan. "Other members of the team could pick up the pace, but we came away with third. We are not totally disappointed."

Day two was air rifle, which is JSU's strongest gun.

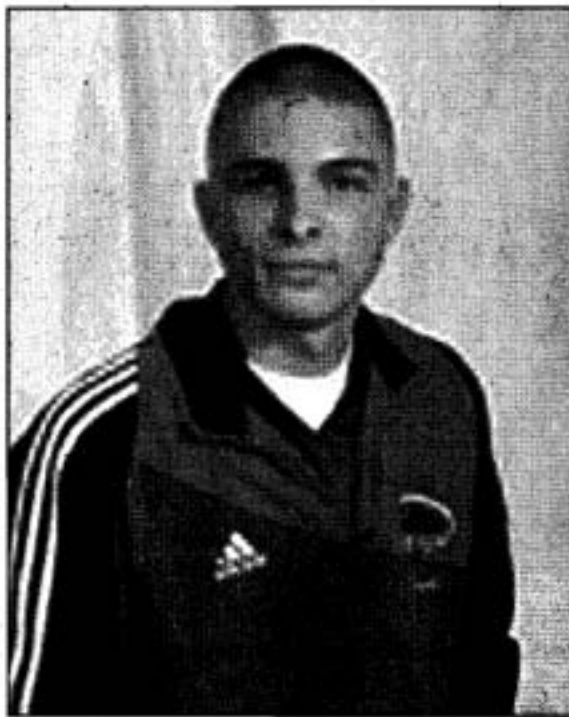
Dickinson, a native of Ozark, Ala., claimed the NCAA Individual Air Rifle title with a score of 692.2.

He shot a 592 to qualify for the finals, the best score by a shooter at the championships.

Also qualifying for the finals were Jonathan (589) and Huckaby (588).

The Gamecocks Air Rifle aggregate of 2,348 put them six points behind Alaska-Fairbanks on the day, and moved them up two spots to third overall in the competition.

"I am not completely satisfied with our results," stated Huckaby. "We only have one recruit coming in, so there's not much to change for next year. We will get better."



File Photo

Michael Dickinson will have a chance to compete with the US Olympic Developmental Team.

Claiming the bronze trophy, the team traveled from one side of the United States to the other and learned of more awards that they would gain from performing well this past weekend.

Dickinson earned the National Rifle Association's First Team All-America honor in both Air Rifle and Smallbore.

Freshmen Jonathan and Huckaby both earned First Team All-America honors in Air Rifle.

In addition to top level marksmanship ability, NRA All-Americans must meet a set of qualifying criteria that includes marksmanship skill but also grade point average, coaches' recommendations, and leadership qualities.

"I am happy that I was recognized for my achievements this year," stated Huckaby. "I didn't think that I would get first team, but I obtained it and look to better myself."

The Gamecocks ended their season on a high note and some will continue to compete and shoot around the world this summer.

Dickinson has been named to the US Olympic Development Team while other members, Jonathan, Huckaby, and Matt MacKenzie will shoot Nationals. Jonathan is not sure if he will be traveling overseas, but plans on improving in every area.

"We are going to train harder during the offseason," stated Huckaby. "Since we do not have any seniors on this years team, we will be much more mature and ready to compete in the fall."

SPRINGFIELD, La. — Jacksonville State sophomore Daniel Willett shot a final round of 73 to finish with a 54-hole total of 214 to place third at the fourth annual Carter Plantation Intercollegiate Golf Tournament on Tuesday.

The Gamecocks shot their best score of the event, with a one-over par 289 to post a total score of 881 to finish fourth.

"Overall, we played pretty well," said JSU head coach James Hobbs. "We had a few bad breaks today, and we still finished at one-over. We had a chance to have our best round of the season, but it just didn't turn out for us."

Willett entered the day in a three-way for first place, but a double bogey on No. 17 ended any hope of individual honors. Southeast Louisiana's James Taverner shot a 5-under 67 to win the event with a total of 212, while South Alabama's Daniel Burns finished with a 213 after carding a 69 on Tuesday.

Senior Bryan Rozier shot his best round of the year with a 3-under 69 to finish with a 54-hole total of 221 to place 17th. Julian Colmentares shot a total of 224 to tie for 28th place, while Mark Whisenant and Marcus Harrell both finished tied for 41st place with a total of 227.

Host Southeast Louisiana won the 14-team event with a total score of 862 on the par-72, 7,049-yard course. MTSU was second with a total of 868 and South Alabama finished third with a total of 879, just ahead of the Gamecocks.

Chattanooga finished fifth after carding a total of 886, followed by Ole Miss (887), Louisiana Tech (890), Mississippi State (896), Southern Miss (898) and Arkansas State rounds out the top 10 with a total of 902.

The Gamecocks return to the course on March 19-20 at the Grub Mart Intercollegiate, hosted at Silver Lakes on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

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